

Griffith Defies McGraw---Allan Scheer Goes Back---Howard Shanks to Stay Here

MANAGER GRIFFITH ISSUES CHALLENGE TO JOHNNY MCGRAW

Calls Him "Four-Flusher," and Awaits His Official Action.

ALLAN SCHEER GOES BACK TO YOUNGSTOWN

Howard Shanks Makes Good and Will be Kept Here.

By "SENATOR."

"McGraw is a four-flusher, and probably doesn't intend to go through with his threat to summon me before the National Commission regarding his promise to pitch Christy Mathewson against Walter Johnson here," declared Manager Clark Griffith, of the Nationals, today to the writer. "He was just blowing off some hot air to his Baltimore friends."

"But I'm perfectly willing to have him go through with it, just the same, for I have enough evidence to show that he did agree to have his star twirler work against Johnson as late as the morning of the game, Tuesday. He's simply a four-flusher, that's all. He's the greatest four-flusher in baseball and always has been and, probably, always will be. That's all I have to say about him or the incident. I'm done with him and the whole business."

Judging from the attitude of Manager Griffith, the New York Giants will never again be welcome in the Capital. Their failure to live up to the agreement to have Christy Mathewson, the National League's stellar twirler, oppose Walter Johnson, the American League's wonderful speed merchant, has killed them with the local club and as a nation it is hardly likely that they would draw a corporal's guard on another appearance here.

Scheer Goes Back.

Allan Scheer, the young second baseman, who has been given a trial by the Nationals this spring, has failed to come quite up to the standard demanded by the major leagues and will return to the Youngstown club, of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League, with which he performed last year. Scheer is a good batsman, but in almost every other particular is wanting. His arm is not quite strong enough to get the speedy big league flyers, nor is he fast enough on his feet to keep up with them.

Howard Shanks, the other Youngstown player who came to the Nationals with Scheer, will remain with the club here, his excellent work during the trial convincing Griffith of his worth. Griffith is going back, but that Shanks will stay.

Griffith is delighted with the work of Shanks, and intends to make him an understudy for all three regular outfielders this season. The lad responds to coaching with good spirit, and his speed equals that of any of the regulars. All Youngstown is watching his performance with interest, and the national game on the lots of that Ohio town before joining the league team there.

Shanks In Infield.

Shanks is an outfielder, but his handsiness is explained by his volunteering to play the infield with the Yankees Monday at Richmond, Va. He will hold down shortstop or third base against the Virginia leaguers in the exhibition game next week, and he says he will do as well as the regulars in that position. The boy is filled with confidence, and wants it known that Manager Griffith is giving him plenty of encouragement.

Walter Johnson, the "Kansas Cyclone," and Joe Boehling, the former amateur twirler with the Yankees, champions of the Richmond amateur league diamonds last season, will occupy the box Monday against Richmond. The Virginia leaguers, however, and Boehling will get a trial to show his class against a team he refused to join in 1911.

Manager Griffith will use the following line-up in Richmond: Johnson and Boehling, pitcher; Turner, catcher; Spencer, first base; Cunningham, second base; Morgan or Shanks, shortstop; Morgan or Shanks, third base; Johnson or Boehling, right field; "Red" Walker, center field; Tommy Long, left field.

McBride Is Injured.

George McBride's injured leg is no better today, though the veteran star shortstop is anxious to take his place in the regular line-up. When he was sprained in Thursday's game the wound became slightly infected, and Manager Griffith declines to let him take any chance at being laid out just at the opening of the season. However, McBride expects to be able to play against Brooklyn Monday at the Florida avenue park.

Washington fans are interested in the announcement that Hughie Jennings is seeking Bill Burns, the renowned major league sleeping twirler, who once slept at the local park. Burns now belongs to the Minneapolis club, and a handsome offer has been made by the Nationals for his services this season. Jennings feels he will have to keep the official pepper box around all the time to feel that he is not being taken advantage of.

Burns is a good pitcher when awake, but he is seldom awake. He has been known to fall asleep on the bench, the warmest part of a hotly contested game.

The Nationals will very likely leave Washington next Wednesday night for Philadelphia, staying at the Majestic. On the following day the season opens at Shibe Park, where Walter Johnson will be the big attraction. Johnson, Dixie Walker, and Bob Groom will probably pitch the games against the world's champions.

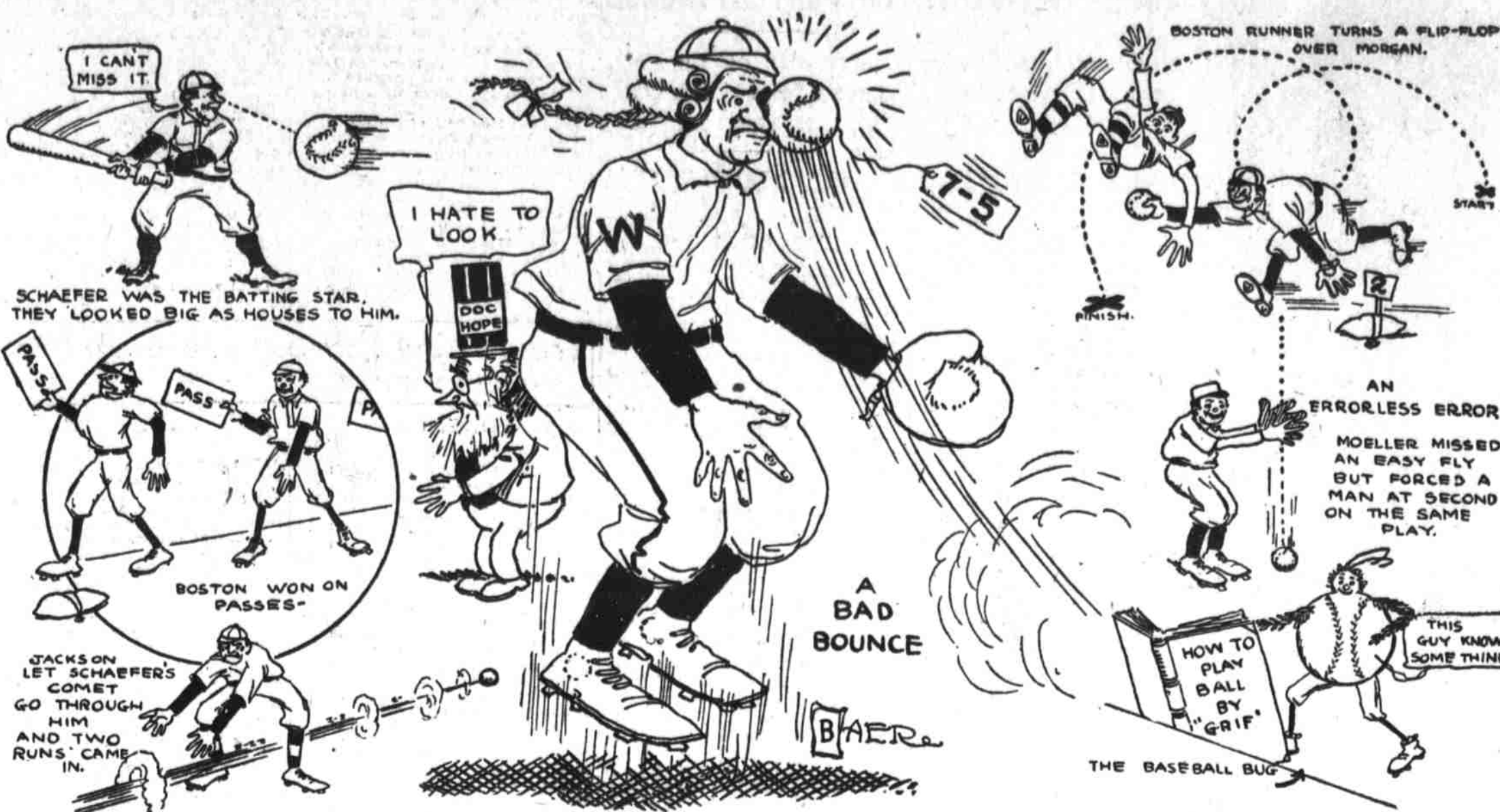
Gotham Rooters Greet Home-Coming Giants

NEW YORK, April 6.—A large crowd of baseball fans greeted the members of the New York Nationals when they arrived today from their spring training trip in the South. The Giants and the Jersey City International Leaguers will hook up in an exhibition game at the Polo Grounds today. As this will be the first appearance for the season of the McGrawites here, a great turnout of fans is expected.

To Play Tomorrow.

What promises to be an exciting game will take place tomorrow at Union League Park, Fourth and H streets northeast, when the Capital City Cubs meet the strong team representing the Postoffice in the Departmental League. The game starts at 3 p. m. sharp.

Coming Right Back on Second Day's Play, Puritans Carry the Game Away



IF JOHNSON WERE A TIGER HE WOULD NOT HAVE AN EQUAL

So Declares Hughie Jennings, and He Tells Why.

DETROIT, Mich., April 6.—Hughie Jennings says that if Walter Johnson, the Nationals' great pitcher, was with the Bengals, he would be considered the greatest pitcher in the world today. He says he would average six victories in seven games and would pitch about forty-five a season.

Hughie explains by saying that much of a ball player's greatness is due to the men with whom he is playing. This is especially true of a pitcher. Chief Bender has his place among the great pitchers now because he is with the Athletics, but he would not be considered so were he with Washington as Johnson is.

Matty McIntyre Joins Comiskey's White Sox

CHICAGO, April 6.—Missing since the close of last season, Matty McIntyre, outfielder for the Chicago American League Club, reported here yesterday. Explaining his absence, he said that he had been playing baseball in Cuba during the winter and had agreed to play for the Cuban team.

Kilonis Meets Two.

Kilonis, the Greek wrestler, winner over Montana's Turner, has agreed to throw Jack Herman and Jack Connor, both of New York, in one hour at the Lyceum tonight after the regular performance.

Baseball Results

Boston, 7; Washington, 5.
Columbia, 5; Washington and Lee, 4.
Yale, 4; Cornell, 1.
Princeton, 6; Virginia, 3.
Athletics, 14; Phillies, 0.
Trinity, 3; Amherst, 3.
Toronto, 13; Richmond, 8.
Pennsylvania, 9; Swarthmore, 6.
Mobile, 5; Athletics (second team), 1.
Mercer, 3; Georgia Technical, 2.
Rockville, 2; Gaitersburg, 1.
King's College, 2; Asheville High, 1.
New York Americans (second team), 6; Norfolk, 3.
Newark, 8; Petersburg, 7.
Furman University, 6; College of Charleston, 5.
Atlanta, 8; Rome, 4.
Wake Forest, 7; Randolph-Macon, 4.
Wofford College, 3; Presbyterian College of South Carolina, 2.
New York Giants, 13; Baltimore, 3.
Chicago, 5; Indianapolis, 3.
New York Americans, 6; Springfield, 1.
University of Georgia, 6; Auburn (Ala.), Poly, 2.
University of Illinois, 2; University of Tennessee, 1.
Columbia (S. A.), 7; Spartanburg (C. A.), 5.
Nashville (S. L.), 15; Vanderbilt University, 3.
Danville, 6; New York Giants (second team), 5.
Mobile, 5; Athletic Yinnigans, 1.
White Sox Yinnigans, 10; St. Joseph (Mo.), 8.
Louisville, 12; Detroit, 7.
Cincinnati, 6; Columbus, 3.
Penn State, 7; N. C. A. & M., 2.
Bridgeport, 4; Lynn, 3.
Pittsburgh, 6; Memphis, 2.

BOSTON BRAVES LAND SECOND GAME FROM GRIFFITH'S OUTFIT

Fiendish Flinging and Weird Misplays Give Visitors Honors.

Fiendish flinging on the part of the local hurlers, coupled with masterful twirling by the tigerish Tyler and many misplays contributed by members of the home crowd, enabled Johnny Kling's Boston Braves to amble off with the second clash at the Florida avenue ball yard to the tune of 7 to 5. Rather unsatisfactory, on the whole, yet the fans were treated to their usual rousing rally in the ninth frame and left the park in the best of humor.

Tyler Was In Fine Fettle.

George Tyler, the Boston pitcher, was quite too much for the Nationals, and his stinging kept the local lads worried from first to last, and he stuck to his colors throughout the nine innings, too. Not till the last two seasons were the local kids able to do much with his delivery, scoring one in the eighth and two in the ninth as a parting shot at the enemy.

The "Joe-Joes," Engel and Boehling, were sent to the mound by Griffith and provided plenty of thrilling moments for the fans. Each lad was wonderfully wild, slamming the ball to all parts of that section of the field in the immediate rear of the plate, yet the visiting batsmen were quite unable to do anything with their deliveries whenever they got the ball over.

Engel passed seven hitters in his five innings, and Boehling came through with three walks in four innings. At all times the Bostonians were kept very busy leaping and prancing and curving to escape the dreaded imminence of the pellet against their anathemas. Boehling did crack Gowdy once, and that clownish catcher wiggled his painful way toward first with full knowledge of the young pitcher's skill.

Three Walks And a Balk.

Engel started the conflict and demonstrated his untrained slinging in the first inning, though only three men faced him. The second, though, saw Boston make two runs on a combination of Engel's wildness and several misuses behind him. George Jackson, no relative of the Naplander star, hung around until he straggled, and then Engel balked, letting Jackson take another base.

Big Ben Houser slipped a hard one that Morgan stopped, but did not field, and there were two on. Inge's long fly let Jackson score from third. Foster relayed the ball to Knight at second, and after Umpire Handbobe had declared Houser dead to the world, let Knight dropped the leather. Foster's service this season.

Jack Spratt, whose wife eats no lean, etc., could not find the ball on three tries and retired to let Engel walk Gowdy and Tyler. Try as he might, the sandlotter simply could not get the ball down anywhere near the batsmen, and he forced Houser over the pan when he walked Bill Sweeney, making three passes in a row. Kid Foster then

THE BOX SCORE.

WASHINGTON	BOSTON
Miller, cf., 0 1 0 2 0	Sweeney, 2b, 1 0 6 2 0
Schaffer, rf., 2 2 0 0 0	Kirke, cf., 1 2 1 1 0
Moeller, lf., 0 0 0 0 0	Miller, 1b, 0 2 1 0 0
Flynn, 1b, 0 0 0 0 0	Jackson, lf., 1 0 2 1 1
Knight, 2b, 0 0 4 2 0	Houser, 1b, 1 1 7 1 0
Morgan, ss, 0 0 0 0 0	Engel, 2b, 0 0 0 0 0
Foster, 3b, 1 0 4 2 0	Spratt, 3b, 1 0 2 4 1
Almsholtz, c, 1 0 5 1 0	Gowdy, c, 1 0 5 1 1
Willie, 1b, 0 0 2 2 0	Tyler, 2b, 0 0 2 2 0
Engel, p, 0 0 0 0 0	Boehling, p, 0 0 0 0 0
Shanks, 1b, 0 0 0 0 0	Canham, 0 0 0 0 0
Totals, 5 7 27 18 4	Totals, 7 5 27 18 4

"Joe-Joes," Engel and Boehling, Drop Contest, 7 to 5.

ing bouncer, scoring Spratt, and Kirke's little fly just fell over the drawn-in infield, letting Gowdy and Tyler count. Miller then crashed a two-spot to left, driving Sweeney in with the fourth rally of the session. Jackson's little fly to Flynn stopped the slaughter.

Schaffer opened the eighth by slamming the pill to deep center for three corners. Ha, ha, "Schaefer" is certainly a jinx for most opposing teams. Moeller followed with a solid safety to center, scoring Schaefer. He was safe at second, too, but Sweeney got away with a bit of inside work in lifting his foot from the sack and Handbobe stood for it. The next two men fanned.

Excitement in the Ninth.

The excitement came, as expected, in the ninth. Morgan hammered his second single to left and Foster stroked a wild pitch sent them both up a peg. A wild pitch threw out Williams. Still Morgan scored, and that helped a little. Cunningham bit for Boehling and Tyler got him at first. Foster hustled in from third a moment later on Miller's single to left. The fans were pulling for Schaefer to drop the ball over the wall and tie the score, but he could only force Miller at second, and the battle ebbers died away in the rush for home and supper.

Nationals Put Two Over.

But the Nationals came right along with two in their half of the third, and that relieved the tension somewhat. Almsholtz intercepted a fast one with his arm, and Engel laid down a beautiful sacrifice, sending him to second. Sweeney got Miller's fly, but Schaefer slapped a single to left. The bounding ball got away from Jackson, and Almsholtz scored.

Schaefer put on all his forced draught, passed second and third, and skulled for home. Friends Gowdy got the ball, but couldn't hold it in the collision with the Weinerwurst gardener, and two runs were in.

The visitors took a one-run lead in the fifth on an error and some hits. Sweeney lived when Ray Morgan's buttered fingers failed to clasp his bouncer. Kirke doubled out to where several workmen were erecting a scoreboard, and Sweeney perished at the plate when Morgan relayed Miller's toss to Almsholtz.

Miller's infield hit toward third put 1 on, and the crowd's tension somewhat. Kirke's nervousness caused him to drop Jackson's easy fly, letting Kirke score. However, Moeller shot the pill to Knight, forcing Miller at second.

Boehling Opens the Sixth.

Joe Boehling, visibly nervous, opened the sixth by fanning "Scotty" Inge but then became upset when charged with not keeping his feet on the rubber, and before he came down to earth and his supporters stopped hurling the ball around and dropping it, four runs were over and the game was gone.

The Richmond youth came back stinging after that opener, but it was too late. With Inge gone there in that sixth Morgan tossed poorly to first and Spratt was safe. Gowdy was hit by a particularly fast one, and limped down the line. Tyler waited and walked, filling the sacks. No wonder Boehling was nervous.

Jack Knight hooted Sweeney's dance

ATHLETIC STICKERS MAKE LARGE TOTAL OFF YOUNG PITCHERS

Collins, McInnes, and Murphy Hit Safely Every Time at Bat.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 6.—Fans are wondering today whether the Athletics will be able to repeat their performance of yesterday, when the team beat the Phillies by 14 to 0. The world's champions hammered the life out of "Toots" Schultz, former Penn State star, and went after Rasmussen, the Pacific Coast Leaguer, in the same manner.

The score:

AMERICANS	NATIONALS
AB.H.O.A.E.	AB.H.O.A.E.
Lord, lf., 2 1 3 0 0	Kneabe, 2b, 2 1 2 2 0
Oldring, 3b, 5 3 1 2 2	Titus, rf., 1 0 0 0 0
Collins, 2b, 4 4 2 5 0	Robert, 3b, 4 0 2 3 0
Americans, 6	Nationals, 0
First base on balls—0	Second base hits—0
Struck out—0	Struck out—0
Left on base—0	Left on base—0
Time of game—1:10	Time of game—1:10

Bresnahan's Cardinals Defeat Browns Again

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 6.—A record-breaking crowd is expected today and tomorrow to see Rhody Wallace's Browns attempt to even up on the championship city series, after yesterday's loss to the Cardinals by a 7-to-0 score.

Bresnahan's team got in another ninth-inning victory after the Browns had apparently won the game. Lake knocked out a three-base hit with the bases loaded, but was winded from his exertions, and failed to show in the ninth. Monte Cross, coaching at third for the Browns, did some stupid work, which cost the team at least three runs. Passes in the ninth, which filled the bases, and a single by Hauer and a double by Bresnahan, won the game for the Cards.

Sherwood Magee Must Rest at Least Month

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Physicians, after another careful examination of Sherwood Magee's fractured wrist, today declared that the hard-hitting outfielder will be out of the game for at least a month. The injury to Magee is a serious blow to the Doves.

The Standings

PHILADELPHIA CHAMPIONSHIP.

American	Won	Lost	Pct.
American	2	2	.500
National	2	2	.500

ST. LOUIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

National	Won	Lost	Pct.
National	3	2	.600
American	2	3	.400

Yesterday's Score.

National, 7; American, 4.

PRES. TAFT GIVEN FIRST SEASON PASS TO CUBS' BAILWICK

Charlie Murphy Invites Him to Attend Opening Contest.

President Taft has received a season pass to the ball park of the Chicago National League Club, and an invitation to the opening day's game in the Windy City. However, it is doubtful if the President will be able to attend the game owing to a press of duties on hand. Here is a reproduction of the letter from "Chubby" Charlie Murphy to the Chief Executive of the land which accompanied the season pass:

The Hon. William Howard Taft, President United States, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President—Now that the time of the year has come when we get out our bats and balls to play our season of 1912, my thoughts naturally go out to those who support the pastime and those who cheer on the diamond warriors to their greatest efforts.

As you are looked upon as the greatest fan in the country, I take much pleasure in sending you season pass No. 1 to the Chicago park, as has been my custom in the past.

I trust that fate will shape things up so that you can see us play, not only in Chicago but elsewhere on the National League circuit, many times during the coming season.

Since my good fortune to have the pleasure of shaking hands with you at the recent reception in Chicago, I have met many baseball fans who are of the opinion that 1912 will be a memorable season in professional baseball.

Manager Chance still treasures the ball which you tossed out to him at Pittsburgh, upon which you wrote your autograph.

All persons interested in baseball appreciate the fact that you have come to the sport because of the recognition received from you as chief ruler of the nation.

With kindest regards, I am, yours very truly,

CHARLES W. MURPHY, President.

Connie Mack Worrying About Slugger Baker

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Manager Mack would not admit it last night, but it is said upon good authority that he is worried about the condition of Frank Baker. The "Time" says that Baker has been in uniform since last Monday, when he strained a stomach muscle in batting practice. Connie says Baker may be able to play today, but if he is not Derrick, the utility infielder who is with the Yankees, he will be hustled home and kept in the clubhouse.

With kind regards, I am, yours very truly,

Arthur Devlin's Lads Trimmed in Danville

DANVILLE, Va., April 6.—Arthur Devlin's Giants ran into an unexpected defeat here yesterday, the Danville team of the Virginia League taking their measure in a close and interesting game by a score of 4 to 4. The Giants failed to hit up to their usual form, while the Danville batsmen showed no fear of the twirlers sent against them by the big leaguers.

Carnegie Picks Champion Beauty

News Item: Andrew Carnegie considers Miss Virginia Lee, a Pittsburgh stenographer, the prettiest girl in the world. Mr. Carnegie has never seen Miss Lee, but bases his opinion on her photograph.

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